LANGARA COLLEGE

EDUCATION COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Membership:

Fraser Archibald	Gerda Krause	Ken Pawlak
Linda Arnold	Wendy Low (Vice-Chair)	Brian Pendleton
Jacqueline Bradshaw	Ian McBain	David Ross
Mollien Cue (a)	Yvonne Ohara (a)	Emily Scarlett
Laura Cullen (Chair)	Therese Paradis	Roger Semmens
Martin Gerson	Kevin Paul	Joyce Wong
Margaret Heldman	Thor Paulson (a)	

Notes:
Susan Smith

Guests: --

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1.   CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1305 hours, upon declaration of a quorum. L. Cullen welcomed new and re-elected members, and noted Education Council's appreciation for the work of outgoing members.

2.   APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with the following addition:

A motion to defer elections will be introduced in Item 6 (B. Pendleton).

3.   APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting held March 24, 2009 be approved with the following amendments (underlined):

Under New Business, Item B):

Policy F1007-Final Examinations (revision)
and
MOTION: That the revisions of *Policy F1007 – Final Examinations* be approved...

Moved by W. Low**/**Seconded by R. Semmens
CARRIED

4.   CURRICULUM

A) COMPUTING SCIENCE & INFORMATION SYSTEMS

a) Program Revision
 i) Management Information Systems (MIS) Diploma and
     Management Information Systems (MIS) Cooperative Education Diploma

The proposed revision involves sequencing of courses, and is the same for both diplomas. The Computing Science Department has requested the removal of BCAP 1200, BUSM 1310 and CPSC 1320 from the curriculum. In the MIS Diploma, students will be required to take *CPSC 1000* instead of "CPSC 1000 or BCAP 1200"; and *BUSM 1500* will be required instead of "BUSM 1500 or BUSM 1310, and CPSC 1320". In the MIS Co-op Diploma, *CPSC 1000* will replace "CPSC 1000 or BCAP 1200" and *BUSM 1500* will replace "BUSM 1500 or CPSC 1320."

MOTION: That the proposed revisions in the *Management Information Systems (MIS) Diploma* and the *Management Information Systems (MIS) Cooperative Education Diploma* be approved by Education Council.

ii) Computer Studies Foundation Certificate and
Computer Studies Foundation Cooperative Internship Certificate

The Computing Science Department is proposing revisions to the course curriculum in both programs, which will increase flexibility, and remove CPSC 1320 and BUSM 2300, which are no longer offered. Details are listed on page 15 of the agenda package.

> **MOTION: That** the proposed revisions to the *Computer Studies Foundation Certificate* and the *Computer Studies Foundation Cooperative Internship Certificate* be approved by Education Council.
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> **Moved by** M. Heldman/Seconded by K. Pawlak
> **CARRIED**

b) Course Description Change
i) CPSC 1050 – Introduction to Computer Science

This course has been redesigned to meet UBC's requirements for articulation. Certain topics too advanced for students with no computer science background have been removed, and more time will be spent on other useful applications, including spreadsheet and database programs. These changes are expected to increase appeal for students wanting to take the course for general interest. The proposed revision in the calendar course description will reflect these changes.

> **MOTION: That** the calendar description change for the course *CPSC 1050 – Introduction to Computer Science* be approved by Education Council.
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> **Moved by** M. Heldman/Seconded by G. Krause
> **CARRIED**

B) HEALTH SCIENCE
a) New Course Proposal
i) HSCI 1130 – Foundations of Health Science

This introductory, interdisciplinary course is the prerequisite for all 2nd year courses in Langara's new Health Sciences programs, which have been developed to articulate with SFU's Health Sciences degree program. HSCI 1130 will be team-taught.

> **MOTION: That** the new course *HSCI 1130 – Foundations of Health Science* be approved by Education Council.
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> **Moved by** M. Heldman/Seconded by G. Krause
> **CARRIED**

C) ECE
a) Program Admission Requirements
i) Early Childhood Education Diploma Program

Currently, students complete first aid training before their third-term practicum, however it is not a requirement of the program. The department would like to formalize this training and move it to the beginning of the program, which will increase safety by ensuring students have appropriate skills before entering practicum placements, and will increase practicum make-up time for third-term students. There will be no change in costs, and there is a transition plan in place for current and incoming students.

> **MOTION: That** the revised program admission requirements for the *Early Childhood Education Diploma Program* be approved by Education Council.
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> **Moved by** K. Pawlak /Seconded by R. Semmens
> **CARRIED**

D) ECONOMICS
   a) Prerequisite Change
   i) ECON 1110/1119
   ii) ECON 1220/1221

The Economics department proposes removing existing prerequisites from these courses. Currently, a certain level of English proficiency is required for registration, however the department has found no negative effect on the success rate of students who have had the requirement waived, as compared to those who had been admitted with the prerequisites. Rather than continue to grant overrides, the department recommends that the stated requirements be brought into line with current practice. A table providing supporting data for the years 2007 and 2008 was included with the agenda package.

> **MOTION: That** the prerequisite change for *ECON 1110/1119* and *ECON 1220/1221* be approved by Education Council.
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> **Moved by** B. Pendleton/Seconded by K. Pawlak
> **CARRIED**

5.   NEW BUSINESS
   A)   Elections: Education Council Officers

B. Pendleton noted that new council members have not yet had sufficient time to gain knowledge of procedures, membership, and functions of Education Council in order to vote fairly, or to themselves stand for election in April, and that it would therefore be more practical to defer this item to a later date to allow for a training and transition period to take place prior to elections. The current Education Council by-laws require only that an election be held once per year, with no date specified.

> **MOTION: That** the election of Education Council officers be postponed to a later date in 2009.
> **Moved by** B. Pendleton/Seconded by R. Semmens

Discussion ensued. It was noted that not all members may be present for a June election, however waiting until September leaves it too late for someone to plan for the extra workload. It was also suggested that support and orientation should be provided for incoming members and officers.

Following considerable discussion, K. Pawlak proposed the motion be amended to establish the September meeting of Education Council as the date for election of Chair and Vice-Chair, and a vote was taken in favour of the amendment. A second amendment was then proposed which would allow further discussion of this topic at the next meeting of Education Council, and a vote was taken in favour of the second amendment.

The amended motion was adopted, as follows:

> **MOTION: That** the next election of Education Council officers be held at the September 2009 meeting of Education Council, and that this topic be brought forward to the May 2009 (or next) meeting of Education Council for further discussion.
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> **CARRIED**

6.   INFORMATION ITEMS
   A)   Continuing Studies
   a)   Discontinued Program
   i)   Advertising and Graphic Design Certificate Program

L. Cullen presented this item on behalf of Continuing Studies. The *Advertising and Graphic Design Certificate Program* is being discontinued due to declining enrolment, and will be replaced by the more current Communication & Ideation Design (CID) Certificate Program. AGD students will receive credit towards enrolment in the CID program.

7.   ADJOURNMENT

> **MOTION:** That the meeting be adjourned.

> Moved by L. Arnold
> **CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 1358 hours.

The next meeting of Education Council will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2009.